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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above identified application are the following:

- Supplemental Response to final Office Action mailed April 4, 2004; (1)
- Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration By The Inventor (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.175; and
- (3) Return Receipt Post Card.

Should any of the above identified items not be include in this submission, the Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees required to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0331, referencing Attorney Docket No. 17564-145.

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicants submit herewith this supplemental response to respond to the issues concerning a new inventor reissue declaration.

Request for Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration

The Examiner requested Applicants provide a Supplemental Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) because errors in the original patent have been corrected since the filing of the last Reissue Declaration in this application. On April 4, 2005, Applicants filed a Supplemental Reissue Declaration executed by all the inventors except Mark D. Muszynski. In view of the facts before Applicants on this date, Applicants presumed that Mr. Muszynski was refusing to sign the Supplemental Reissue Declaration and, therefore, Applicants filed a Petition To Proceed in the Application By Other Than All the Inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47.

After April 4, 2005, the final statutory date for response to the above noted final Office Action, the inventor, Mr. Muszynski, contacted the undersigned to indicate that he Serial No. 09,827,605 Reissue Application of U.S. 5,891,212 Art Unit: 2181

had received the Supplemental Reissue Declaration and reminder, which had been forwarded from his Michigan address to his Georgia address, and that he would be willing to sign the Supplemental Declaration. The undersigned received on April 11, 2005 the Supplemental Declaration executed by Mr. Muszynski.

Applicants respectfully submit that filing the Supplemental Reissue Declaration executed by Mr. Muszynski renders the above noted Petition filed on April 4, 2005 moot and respectfully requests the withdrawal of such Petition in order the inventors may proceed with <u>all</u> the inventors.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that they have met the requirements identified in the final Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this supplemental response, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitte

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